

CONDEMNATION OF BLOCK IS OPPOSED

Georgetown Citizens Hear That
Railroad Seeks New Termini
in Business District.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

Report Is Expected to Be Made
Before Next Meeting of
Organization.

Georgetown merchants are preparing to fight bitterly a movement for legislation permitting condemnation of one of its big business blocks, as a site for a terminal for the Washington and Old Dominion railroad, a Virginia corporation.

News of the proposed condemnation first leaked out at the meeting of the Georgetown Citizens' Association last night, when Patrick Carr declared that Congressman Carlin was moving to put a bill through Congress for the condemnation plan.

The block in question is that bounded by Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, M street and the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. It was declared by speakers to be a purely business block and to house several big wholesale establishments, including the J. E. Dyer store and warehouse and the E. T. Simpson feed store and warehouse, two of the oldest concerns in Georgetown.

Oppose Condemnation.

On motion of Mr. Carr, the committee on commercial interests of the association was instructed to oppose the proposed condemnation.

It was this committee that took a leading part in the "save the bridge" movement that secured location of the new Key bridge, near the old Aqueduct structure.

Mr. Carr explained that it was the change in the bridge that led to the condemnation of the block in which his business is located. He said that the Washington and Old Dominion had abandoned its former terminal plan for which it sought to condemn property in Georgetown, and was now seeking this site, which would be just east of the new Key bridge.

It is probable that the entire matter will be aired before the next meeting of the association January 15, when the committee on commercial interests will bring in its report of inquiry and steps taken for protection of the business interests involved.

Referred to Committee.

The association referred to the schools committee the plan of Bryan Morse, physical director of Western High School, for a new auditorium, pool and gymnasium at that institution. James E. Berrell declared that he was informed that the present auditorium and gymnasium were small and inadequate.

The gymnasium was to be used by boys and girls in turn he said. The dressing rooms are located in the basement and the gymnasium on the top floor of the present structure in a small room lighted only from above. It was not only not suited to its purposes, he declared, but gymnasium work interfered with the classes below. The auditorium, too, he said was inadequate, and juniors in the rear could not hear proceedings as the acoustics were very bad.

Mr. Morse's plan calls for a new building on the present small athletic field in the rear of the school, and the securing of a new and more commodious athletic field.

Appear Before Board.

A suggestion that Mr. Morse be invited before the association to present his plan was taken under advisement by the executive committee.

A motion by Dr. N. Duvall Brecht, for inquiry by the legislative committee and report on the Lewis bill was passed. Mr. Brecht declared that he believed great benefit would be derived from enactment of the Lewis bill. He called attention to the fact that there was a flat rate of \$1.50 a month for unlimited telephone service in Los Angeles, while in Washington such service costs \$4 a month.

PEACH JUICE—BEER DIET

Sailors Rescued After Two Nights and Day of Ration.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 19.—After living two nights and a day on the juice from seven cans of peaches and three bottles of beer, Capt. George O. Sherman and the three other members of the crew of the American schooner Sadie C. Sumner, of Mobile, which was waterlogged off Cape San Blas, Thursday at noon, have returned to Pensacola.

The schooner sprang a leak off Cape San Blas. During the night the barge settled and the heavy seas swept the deck load of lumber overboard and flooded the cabin and fore-cabin. The provisions and drinking water were lost.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell and Willis Moore to Speak.

The Columbia Historical Society will be addressed by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell and Prof. Willis L. Moore, tonight in the banquet hall of the Shoreham.

Dr. William Thornton and his essay on "Teaching the Deaf, or Dumb, and Consequently Dumb, to Speak," will be the theme of Dr. Bell. Prof. Moore will tell of the "Beginnings of the Weather Bureau."

TRIES TO KISS GIRL, HALED INTO COURT

Miss of Sixteen Testifies

Against Man, But Later
Bids Him Good-by.

Because she objected to having her face washed with snow and being kissed in public pretty sixteen-year-old Anna Donaldson was the cause for Bennett Harren being haled into Police Court before Judge Mulloony this morning.

Harren was charged with assault. His accuser walked to the witness stand and, between smiles and blushes told Judge Mulloony of the events that led to the arrest of Harren last night at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

"He tried to kiss me," she said with a blush.

"Was that all?" inquired the judge.

"No, he tried to wash my face with snow."

Says He Tried To Kiss Her.

Harren said he didn't remember much about the incident except that he was arrested, and had to spend the night in a cell.

Miss Donaldson said she was returning from a skating rink with an escort, and that Harren and two friends followed them.

When they stopped at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue, she testified Harren grabbed her arm and tried to kiss her. More than that, she said, she then tried to wash her face with snow.

"I believe, though, he was only kidding," he added, thoughtfully.

"About what?" inquired Judge Mulloony.

"About kissing you or washing your face with snow."

One witness said she guessed it was the latter.

Bids Defendant Good-By.

Policeman Pug testified he heard Miss Donaldson's screams and ran to her assistance. He charged that Harren was forcibly trying to kiss her when he jerked him away and sent him to the station house.

Judge Mulloony suspended sentence on Harren, with a warning that he must be more discreet in the future when on the street with young ladies.

As the pair, accuser and defendant, walked out of the court room, Miss Donaldson gave Harren her hand.

"Good-by," she said.

That was all.

BRUIN DIGS IN FOR WINTER

Canadian Mascot Provides Own Bomb-Proof in Trenches.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—When it comes to living in dugouts on the Western battle front, "Kitchener," bruin mascot of a certain western Canadian battalion, is right at home today.

Recently crimped weather began to announce the approach of winter, "Kitch," as per instinct, began to show the boys something about the real art of digging. Before many days he had dug himself in beyond the deepest range of the heaviest shell.

The work seemed to create a voracious appetite and "Kitch," heavy-eyed, finally came to the surface for a final look around. Then with a sniff he disappeared. Now while his battalion shivers, "Kitch" is sleeping peacefully the long winter months away.

When "Kitch" awakes in the spring his friends may have gone far away. But someone will be sure to return and dig "Kitch" out.

7,000 "PACK A GUN" IN N. Y.

Magistrate McDoo Warns Holders of Permits to Renew Jan. 1.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Chief Magistrate McDoo issued a notice yesterday to holders of pistol permits to have them renewed by January 1, when the ones now in use will be revoked.

It is expected that between 7,000 and 8,000 permits will be issued for 1917. Of this number about 3,000 will be issued through the various police courts.

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TEACHERS TO TAKE UP RAISE TONIGHT

Mass Meeting in Interest of Increase at Central High School.

CHAFLIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Congressman Cooper of Wisconsin, and Van Dyke of Minnesota to Speak.

"We believe that a part of the pending District bill can be used for an increase of salaries for the public school employees," said Roy C. Clafin, president of the High School Teachers' Union, today.

The matter is to be discussed at the meeting of all school employees at Central High School tonight at 8 o'clock.

Congressmen Henry A. Cooper, of Wisconsin and C. C. Van Dyke, of Minnesota are to be present, and undoubtedly will discuss the measure.

Other Speakers.

Other speakers are to be H. M. McLarin, president of the Federal Employees' Union; Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation of Labor, and probably Samuel Gompers.

Enthusiasm among the teachers is said to be higher now than at the previous mass meeting, when the retirement bill was discussed.

A larger crowd is expected tonight, despite the unfavorable weather, than was present at the last meeting.

Opinion Unanimous.

"I believe that the opinion will be unanimous for a salary increase," said Mr. Clafin. "There is considerable enthusiasm being shown, and I believe that it will have its effect. I sincerely believe we are going to get our raise with the retirement bill."

The organizations that are to be represented on the central committee which will direct the campaign, are to be announced tonight.

15 To Be Represented.

About fifteen organizations which have signified their intention of being represented on the central committee, several having recently organized for that purpose. No unorganized class of school employees is to be represented on the committee.

The meeting tonight is under the auspices of the High School Teachers' Union. L. V. Lamson, chairman of the committee on arrangements is to preside. Others on the arrangement committee are W. C. Myers, of McKinley Manual Training School; Miss Daisy I. Hoff, of Eastern High School; William J. Wallace, of Central High School, and Miss Mary Brown, of the Wilson Normal School.

To Report Tonight.

C. W. Rippey, chairman of a committee to confer with school officials about the content of an advancement examination known as group B examination, to be held soon, is to report tonight.

Miss Bernice Randall is to sing a solo and several pipe organ selections are to be given.

RISE IN PATROL: ELOPE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—John Breitmayer, patrol wagon driver for the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue police station, and Miss Margaret Lovett eloped to Elkton, Md., and were married.

Three years ago Miss Lovett, then fifteen years old, was hit by a trolley car, and Breitmayer drove the patrol wagon which took her to a hospital.

It was their first meeting and the beginning of their romance. Breitmayer is twenty-four years old.

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—Black and Gray Comfy Slippers.....\$1.00 and \$1.50

A Nice Gift for Women

—Satin Slippers, all colors.....\$3.00 up

—Ballet and Dancing Slippers, Kid Strap Slippers, latest styles.....\$2.50, \$3.00

—Felt Fur and Ribbon-trimmed Julietts.....\$2.50 and \$3.00

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—Daniel Green's Peerless Comfy Slippers; all colors.....\$1.50

—Felt Comfort Slippers, ribbon trimmed, all colors.....\$1.00

—Crochet Slippers, in a variety of colors and combinations.....\$1.00

Gifts for Children

—Red Fur-trimmed Julietts.....75c and \$1.00

—Red Felt Slippers.....50c

—Daniel Green's Comfy Slippers, in pink, blue, and red; "Dutch" kid and rabbit designs; in fancy boxes.....\$1.00

—Misses' and Children's High-cut Shoes, in button and lace.

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—Pure Thread Silk Hosiery, for lady or gentleman; all colors. Two pairs in Xmas box make a nice gift.....55c, 59c pair

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TO TELL OF PENAL WORK

W. H. Whitaker Will Explain Co-quant System to Citizens.

W. H. Whitaker, superintendent of the District reformatory and workhouse, will give an illustrated lecture on the institutions before the Federation of Citizens' Associations at its meeting in the board room of the District building Saturday night. Pictures showing the development of the reformatory plans will be presented. The public is invited. Following the lecture the regular business meeting of the federation will be held.

STEALS FOOD AND COOK STOVE, TOO

The Complaint Thief Visits Braddock Heights—News of Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 29.—Seventy pounds of Virginia ham, seven dozen fresh eggs and an oil stove on which to cook them were stolen from the residence of Henry O'Bannon Cooper, Braddock Heights, night before last. No clue has been discovered. Mr. Cooper, who is employed in the legal department of the Southern Railway in Washington, was away from home at the time the robbery occurred.

F. A. Oakley died last night in Alexandria hospital, aged eighty. He was a veteran of the Confederate army, and wore the gray uniform almost to the end of life.

Maxwell Sleep Dead.

Maxwell Alsop, of Del Ray, aged nineteen, died in Alexandria hospital last night. He is survived by his wife. His body will be shipped to Fredericksburg today for burial.

Arguments will be heard today in corporation court by Judge Louis C. Barley on a motion to set aside the verdict given by a jury last week against W. W. Simpson, convicted of a violation of the new State prohibition law, by which he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and given a jail term of thirty days. Edmund Burke and Louis N. Duffy will appear for Mr. Simpson and the State will be represented by Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent.

Club House Brings \$36.

The Alexandria Motorboat Club house, on which taxes had not been paid for three years, was bought in by John D. Normoyle yesterday for \$36.80, the amount due the city.

Programs for the Christmas entertainments of the several Sunday schools in the city will be announced within a day or so.

THINK THEY HAVE BANDIT

Authorities Believe Man Arrested Implicated in Train Robbery.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Postal authorities here believe H. Grady Webb, the last of a quartet of suspects for whom Federal officers have been searching since the robbery of a Baltimore and Ohio train near Central, W. Va., October 8, 1915, is under arrest at Kenova, W. Va. The prisoner gave his name as Paul Shannon when taken into custody.

One hundred thousand dollars in unsigned Federal bank notes were taken, while over \$1,000,000 in gold and valuable registered mail was overlooked in the train robbery.

BARS WRECK OF WAR.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 19.—Chief of Police Aurelio Leal declared himself today in favor of Deputy Barroso's bill restricting the admission to Brazil of mutilated European war veterans. In his opinion, the chief says, "such invalid persons, besides being useless, are noxious and unsuited to new countries as an element of work and production."

GOOD MEMORY AIDS IN NEGRO'S ARREST

Inspector Grant Causes Quick Capture of Man Wanted in Baltimore.

Through the aid of the Washington police, and mainly the memory of Inspector Clifford H. Grant, a negro wanted in Baltimore on charge of assault with intent to kill, theft of an automobile, and the robbery of a grocery store, was arrested here yesterday, and identified by the Baltimore police.

When the Washington police were asked yesterday to co-operate with the Baltimore police in the search for George Davis, colored, aged twenty-four, who was wanted in Baltimore on a number of charges, Inspector Grant remembered the arrest here some years ago of a negro answering the description of Davis, who robbed a grocery wagon on the outskirts of the city.

He immediately sent Detectives Collins and Coffey to an address he knew was frequented by the negro. In order to make sure of his identity, the Baltimore police were notified. They arrived a short while after, and a short examination of the man proved his identity beyond a doubt, Inspector Grant said today.

The negro also was identified in Baltimore by the policeman who had been wounded by the man Saturday night, after attempting to arrest him on the charge of robbing a grocery store.

"The best piece of work we have done in years," was Major Pullman's smiling comment today, when he showed Inspector Grant Baltimore newspapers praising the quick work of the Washington police.

CORSET STAYS SAVE HER

Baltimore Woman Shot by Two Highwaymen on Her Doorstep.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—One of the steel stays in the corset of Mrs. Elizabeth Nordhoff saved her life, when two negroes shot and robbed her on the front steps of her home. She groined them down in the snow and jerked her handbag from her; the other stood by and, after she had fallen, fired at her three times.

Two bullets hit her, the first flattening against one of her corset stays and the other passing through the calf of her left leg.

The negroes escaped, leaving Mrs. Nordhoff in the snow at her own doorstep, and she could give only a meager description of them.

But in one hand, she was clutching without realizing it a soft brown felt hat that she said she thought was her own. She had grabbed it from the head of one of the negroes.

PAPER OF FLAX STRAW

Government Will Make Experiments at Plant.

THIEF RIVER FALLS, Minn., Dec. 18.—Exhaustive experiment with flax straw as a substitute for wood pulp in the manufacture of paper are about to be made by the United States Department of Agriculture. It was announced here today, by persons who have shipped two carloads of flax straw to a plant in Winona, Minn., at which it is said the experiments will be conducted.

A representative of the Bureau of Plant Industry in the Agricultural Department, who was here on October 1, learned that thousands of carloads of flax straw could be obtained in this vicinity annually.

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